

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as set forth below.

1. (Previously Amended) A gripper assembly which comprises:
 - a body;
 - an actuator coupled to the body;
 - first and second opposable jaw members being pivotable in opposite directions about coincident axes;
 - wherein each jaw member comprises a cam slot;
 - wherein each cam slot is a space formed by opposed cam walls located in the jaw member;
 - wherein the cam walls form a locking portion and a pivoting portion;
 - wherein the distance between the cam walls of the locking portion is substantially equal to the distance between the cam walls of the pivoting portion;
 - a cam pin attached to the actuator;
 - wherein a portion of the cam pin is located and movable in the cam slot.
2. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the locking portion is substantially a straight slot portion.
3. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the pivoting portion is substantially a curved slot portion.
4. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the slot is closed at each end.
5. (Cancel)
6. (Previously Amended) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1,

further comprising a rod that is engagable by the actuator and connected to the cam pin.

7. (Currently Amended) A modular gripper assembly which comprises:
 - a body having a fluid driven actuator;
 - a first and second jaw members;
 - wherein each of the jaw members are caused to move by the fluid driven actuator;
 - wherein each of the jaw members are pivotal about an axis in opposed directions;
 - wherein each of the jaw members has a through-slot disposed therein;
 - wherein [[the]] each through-slot has first and second closed ends;
 - wherein [[the]] each through-slot has first and second locking segments located between the first and second closed ends; and,
 - wherein the first locking segment is located adjacent the first closed end and the second locking segment is located adjacent the second closed end;
 - a pin extending into [[the]] each through-slot, movable therein between the first and second closed ends.

8. (Currently Amended) The modular gripper assembly of Claim [[1]] 7, wherein [[the]] each through-slot is composed of a first and second segment.

9. (Currently Amended) The modular gripper assembly of Claim [[1]] 7, wherein the first locking segment locks each of the jaw members in a closed position until driven

by the actuator.

10. (Currently Amended) The modular gripper assembly of Claim [[1]] 9, wherein the second locking segment locks each of the jaw members in an open position until driven by the actuator.

11. (Currently Amended) The modular gripper assembly of Claim [[1]] 7 further comprises a central pivoting segment located between the first and second locking segments.